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AUTHORIZING THE GRANTING OF PERMITS TO THE COMMITTEE ON INAUGURAL CEREMONIES ON THE OCCASION OF THE INAUGURATION OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT IN JANUARY 1953

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Mr. HUNT, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. J. Res. 393]

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The Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. J. Res. 393) authorizing the granting of permits to the Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies on the occasion of the inauguration of the President-elect in January 1953, and for other purposes, after full consideration, reports favorably thereon with amendment and recommend that the joint resolution as amended do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and in lieu thereof insert the following:

That the Administrator of General Services, and such other officers of the District of Columbia and the United States as control any public lands in the District of Columbia are hereby authorized to grant permits, under such restrictions as they may deem necessary, to the Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies, to be appointed by the President-elect, for the use of any reservations or other public spaces in the District of Columbia under their control on the occasion of the inauguration of the President-elect in January 1953. All stands or platforms that may be erected on public space shall be under the supervision of the inaugural committee. No stand shall be built on the sidewalks, streets, parks, and public grounds of the District of Columbia, other than the area on the south side of Pennsylvania Avenue directly in front of the White House, except with the approval of the inaugural committee, the director of inspection of the District of Columbia, and the Administrator of General Services. The reservations or public spaces occupied by the stands or other structures shall, after the inauguration be promptly restored to their previous condition. The inaugural committee shall indemnify the appropriate agency of the Government for any damage to such reservations or spaces.

SEC. 2. The Commissioners of the District of Columbia are authorized to permit the inaugural committee to stretch suitable overhead conductors, with sufficient supports, for illumination and other pruposes. If it shall be necessary to erect wires for illuminating or other purposes over any park or reservation in the

District of Columbia, the work of erection and removal shall be under the supervision of the official in charge of said park or reservation. Such conductors with their supports shall be removed on or before January 31, 1953. The Commissioners of the District of Columbia, or such other officials as may have jurisdiction in the premises, shall enforce the provisions of this joint resolution, take needful precautions for the protection of the public, and insure that the pavement of any street, avenue, or alley disturbed is replaced in its previous condition. No expense or damage from the stretching, operation, or removal of the temporary overhead conductors shall be incurred by the United States or the District of Columbia.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Defense is authorized to lend to the Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies such hospital tents, smaller tents, camp appliances, hospital furniture, ensigns, flags, ambulances, drivers, stretchers, and Red Cross flags and poles (except battle flags), as may, in their judgment, be spared without detriment to the public service. Such loans shall be returned by the 26th day of January 1953. The committee shall indemnify the Government for any loss or damage to such flags not necessarily incident to such use.

SEC. 4. The Commissioners of the District of Columbia, the Administrator of General Services, and the inaugural committee are authorized to permit telegraph, telephone, radio-broadcasting, and television companies to extend overhead wires to such points along the line of parade as shall be deemed convenient for use in connection with the parade and other inaugural purposes. Such wires shall be removed within ten days after the conclusion of the ceremonies.

The purpose of this resolution is to authorize the granting of certain permits to the Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies of 1953.

When inaugurations were held on March 4, it was possible to obtain the enactment of necessary legislation during the session of Congress beginning in January, and have ample time for the Inaugural Committee and the Metropolitan Police Department to accomplish their respective duties prior to the inauguration. However, with the date changed to January 20, it is necessary for the proposed resolution to be enacted during the current session of Congress in order to assure the completion of essential preliminaries.

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